

MONTEREY COUNTY Labor News

Covering the Counties of Monterey and San Benito

VOL. XVI—NO. 9

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1953

WHOLE NO. 783

Postman— Make Him a Pack Horse?

Washington.—The AFL Letter Carriers Union is expected to register a protest with the Post Office Department because of its new "simplified addressing" order which has proven such a boon to direct mail advertisers and a burden to the mailmen.

Issued last month, the order cancelled a previous regulation that all mail advertising must carry the name of the addressee. The new order allows mail to be sent addressed only to "occupant."

This has proved a great time saver for direct mail advertisers, who no longer have to dig up names to go with addresses.

But the letter carriers say the practice has started the flow of a "terrific volume of low-grade mail" through the post offices.

"This interferes with the prompt handling of regular mail," a union spokesman said, "because the carrier is now expected to deliver anything anybody wants to dump on the householder."

The department, however, was quick to jump to the defense of this new "business aid." A department spokesman said that under the previous system time had to be spent sorting the mail according to zone, street number, and name. Now the advertising matter is distributed in bundles to each carrier and all he has to do is make sure each residence gets a copy.

Plumbers 62 Meetings Now Are Compulsory

Monterey Plumbers Union 62 henceforth will meet only one night a month but attendance is compulsory at this meeting, the fourth Friday night of the month, according to John Grisin, union business agent. Next meeting is Friday night of this week, at Carpenters Hall.

Grisin said any member failing to attend a meeting without a bona fide excuse granted by the union's executive board must pay a non-attendance assessment of \$2.00. Report that the non-attendance assessment would be only \$1.00 was erroneous, Grisin added.

Officials of Local 62 traveled to San Mateo on Saturday night, with their wives, to attend a special meeting of the California Pipe Trades Council and take part in the 50th anniversary celebration of San Mateo Plumbers Union 467.

Hansen Seated As Secretary of Monterey CLC

Russel E. Hansen was installed as secretary-treasurer of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council at the first October meeting, succeeding Royal E. Hallmark, no longer a delegate.

New delegates accepted at the meeting included George Wilson of Carpenters 1323 and Glenn Bradley of Barbers 896.

It was announced that Station KMBY has been removed from the council's "We Do Not Patronize" list.

Suggestion that the council and unions participate in the Veterans' Council Armistice Day Parade was ordered filed, since Armistice Day is not a holiday for many union people.

Hear Frank Edwards.

Carp. Council Calls Special Meet Oct. 27

Monterey Bay District Council of Carpenters had a big meeting last week in Monterey but failed to complete all business on the agenda, so a special meeting has been scheduled Tuesday night, Oct. 27, at Carpenters Hall in Salinas.

Council President Thomas Eide said business handled was generally routine and was so detailed that much time was consumed on individual matters, so that the full agenda could not be covered.

Joseph M. Cambiano, international representative for carpenters, was a guest at the council meeting. Cambiano spoke on local problems and reported on the recent American Federation of Labor convention in St. Louis.

Following the council's adjournment, delegates reconvened at the Pom-Pom Restaurant for a late dinner party.

Local 1323 of Monterey was host to last session and Local 925 of Salinas will be host to the special Oct. 27 session. Business Agent Harvey Baldwin of Local 925 said no details of plans for the special meeting have been worked out yet.

Empie Given Sick Leave By Laborers

Wray D. ("Bill") Empie, business agent of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas since retirement of J. B. McGiriley several years ago, has been granted a two-month sick leave by the union, Secretary John F. Mattos announced last week.

The union's executive board was to meet over the weekend to name a temporary successor to Empie for the two-month period, Mattos added.

Empie suffered a heart attack at the time of the sudden and unexpected death of Randolph Fenchel, past president and longtime leader of Local 272. He has been recovering too slowly, and his physician has urged him to take time off for a good rest, Mattos reported.

Business agent hours in the union office at the Labor Temple will not be changed, it was announced. While the office is open most of the day, the business agent will be available at the office daily from 7 to 9 a.m., noon to 1 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m., Mattos said, as a service to union members.

Next meeting of Local 272 will be held in Soledad, Monday night, while the next Salinas meeting is on Monday night, November 9.

Mattos issued a renewed appeal to members to make plans now to donate blood for the Laborers' Blood Bank when the Red Cross Mobile Blood Unit returns to Salinas on Monday, November 2.

Fifteen pints of blood have been credited to Local 272 already, and are available for union members if needed, but this total is not enough to last for more than a day or so if emergencies arise, Mattos pointed out.

Transit Tieup Comes to End

Monterey's transit strike came to an end late last week as union bus drivers voted to accept a pay increase and to end their 75-day walkout.

The new wage rate, which starts at \$1.85 an hour, represents a



NEW CONGRESSMAN — Lester

R. Johnson became the first Democrat ever to be elected to Congress from Wisconsin's Ninth Congressional District defeated Arthur Padrutt, Republican, said, "the results show very clearly that the farmer and the laboring man do not like the present Administration's policies and took this opportunity to show their displeasure," the defeated Republican candidate, Arthur Padrutt, admitted.

GOP Stunned By Big Defeat In Wisconsin

(AFL Release)

Black River Falls, Wis.—The Eisenhower Administration was stunningly repudiated in the first Congressional test since the Administration took office. Wisconsin's Ninth Congressional District, which has never before elected a Democrat to Congress, chose Lester Johnson, Democratic nominee.

"The results show very clearly that the farmer and the laboring man do not like the present Administration's policies and took this opportunity to show their displeasure," the defeated Republican candidate, Arthur Padrutt, admitted.

The result is expected to lead to more repercussions, especially on the Administration's timid farm policies.

WINS NINE COUNTIES

Johnson received 28,000 votes to 21,000 for Padrutt, or 57 per cent. He took nine of the 11 counties. Johnson will fill the post left vacant by the death of Merlin Hull, who represented the district for 20 years.

Republican Hull received 65 per cent of the votes in 1952, and 71 per cent in 1950. Last November, Eisenhower was given 65 per cent of the district's Presidential votes.

The town of Eau Claire, where AFL members are most numerous, gave Johnson a 1600 majority. It is situated in Padrutt's home county of Chippewa, which also voted for Johnson. That county also is the home of Sen. Alexander Wiley (R.).

The importance which the Republicans placed on the election is reflected in the fact that the President pro tempore of the Senate, Styles Bridges (R., N.H.), visited the district in Padrutt's behalf. Others who campaigned for him were Wiley and Gov. Walter Kohler.

Last month, Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson spoke in the district when he defended the Administration's policies at the National Plowing Contest.

Johnson's chief argument was that the "declining trend in farm prices must be reversed if the reduced purchasing power of the farmer is not to drive merchants and dealers into insolvency." The district is predominantly agricultural.

Chairman James Doyle of the State Democratic Committee said that Kohler insisted on "making Eisenhower himself an issue and he got an answer loud and clear, and let the world note that in Wisconsin a candidate, who emphatically condemned (Joe) McCarthy was elected against a candidate who was on the McCarthy issue."

BENSON BLAMED

Republican members of the House Agriculture Committee touring the Midwest were reported to believe Johnson's victory indicated Benson and his farm policies are hurting the GOP.

Republican National Chairman Leonard Hall said, "By any realistic appraisal, the results are not good. This defeat, I hope, will wake up a few people."

Meantime, a high-ranking Republican strategist, who declined use of his name, said the GOP must push a "constructive legislative program" through Congress next year if it hopes to win the 1954 Congressional elections. He listed farm prices as one of the biggest problems facing Congress.

He said other big issues are the uneasy peace in Korea and throughout the world, high taxes, and federal spending. He said taxes must be reduced and the budget "substantially balanced" if the Republicans are to make political hay in the next session of Congress.

And Olin Johnston (D., S.C.), a

member of the Senate Agriculture Committee, asserted that Eisenhower had escaped criticism from farmers by "hiding behind" Benson. But he said they now are beginning to shift the blame for their continued financial plight to the President.

Laborers 690 Change Meet In November

Meeting of Laborers Union 690 of Monterey which was scheduled for Wednesday night, November 11, has been postponed for one week because of the Armistice Day holiday and will be held on Wednesday night, November 18, at the Labor Temple, 320 Hoffmann Street.

Business Agent Les Estes of the union said the postponement was requested by members, although Armistice Day no longer is a building trades holiday.

George E. ("Lefty") Jenkins, secretary-treasurer of Local 690, is in Washington, D.C., this week for the international laborers' convention. He is assisting J. R. Johnson, of Oakland, on the Constitutional Law Committee for the convention.

Members of Local 690 met after Jenkins' departure and voted him a letter of commendation for excellent work performed for the union since he came here from Oakland.

Work for union laborers in Monterey has not shown any gains in recent days, nor is any improvement in sight, union officials said.

Negotiations are progressing well with the American Wrecking Co., of San Leandro, which is razing the Del Monte Hotel in Pacific Grove to make way for a new bank, Estes said.

With assistance of Federal Labor Councilor H. E. Pickett, the union is seeking an agreement covering lumber handlers before the deadline set by the membership, November 1. The union has cut its request from 25 to 10 cents for the wage increase. An employer offer of 7½ cents earlier has been withdrawn, it was reported.

Clark, Knight Attend Salinas Convention Meet

Labor Council Secretary A. J. Clark and Business Agent Virgil Knight of Culinary-Bartenders Union 355 were among those who attended a special meeting of the Salinas Bureau of Conventions last week at Santa Lucia Inn.

The group heard a report from Ducan Knowles, bureau chairman, on ways and means to attract conventions to Salinas area. Visitors from the successful Tourist and Convention Bureau in San Jose were present to explain the program there.

The job you save may be your own—buy union!

Monterey County Union Directory

Salinas Union Directory

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 3:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office: Cecil Bradford, 2348 Hedding St., San Jose, phone AXminster 6-7143; office, 84 S. First St., San Jose.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres., Jim Foster, 365 Main St., phone 6746; Rec. Sec., D. L. Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 9085; Fin. Sec., Jimmie Butler, 418 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

BRICK MASONS—Meets 2nd Tues., Monday: 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Steve Frank, 103 N. First, Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 56947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 25708.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., Hoffman St., Monterey; 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., Caminos Hotel, Salinas. Pres., Geo. E. Jenkins, 3230 Hoffmann Ave., Monterey, phone 2-8456; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-8862.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Machead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1897 Ellen Ave., San Jose, phone CYPRESS 5-3849. Main office, 45 Santa Teresa Ave., San Jose, phone 3-0252.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Sec.-Treas. Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3. Pres., Paul Funchess, P. O. Box 1744, Carmel, phone 7-3351; Rec. Sec., Joseph A. Cain, 131 Arthur, Watsonville, phone 4-5842; Fin. Sec., H. E. Packard, P. O. Box 584, Watsonville, phone 4-5610; Bus. Agt., James Wilson, 228 Peyton, Santa Cruz, phone 1216.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—Meets 2nd and 4th Monday, Spreckels Fire Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Joseph Linden, 30 3rd St., phone 2-3078; Sec.-Treas., Robert MacRae, 59 1st St., phone 3064.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets 3rd Monday

Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, Apt. 33, Pajaro Circle, phone 2-3682.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSE MEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 1st Thurs-

day, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Sinkey, 105 19th St., P. G. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Bus. Agt., Glen L. Wilkerson, Office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743; Mont. office, 2-8862.

TYPOGRAPHICAL 543—Meets 3rd Mon-

day, 8 p.m., alternating at Salinas and Watsonville. Pres., L. A. Spencer, Salinas; Sec.-Treas., A. C. Davis, 109 Prospect St., Watsonville, phone 4-3217.

\$1.25 PER HOUR RECOMMENDED

Indianapolis. — Bert Seidman, staff economist of the American Federation of Labor, said that enactment and enforcement of realistic minimum wage standards should be the first line of defense against an economic slide.

Seidman told the Indiana State

Federation of Labor convention that in no event should the legal minimum wage be less than \$1.25 an hour. It now is 75 cents. He said that a substantially higher minimum wage is necessary to bolster the lagging purchasing power of consumers in order to prevent a costly economic recession.

Seidman also said that the Walsh-Healey and Davis-Bacon Acts should be strengthened. They require minimum working and wage standards on federal contracts.

"Effective legislation assuring a floor under labor standards can provide the underpinning our economy needs to prevent an economic slide which could, if unchallenged, engulf the entire nation," Seidman said.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Executive Board 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas. Pres., Frank Karp, 217 Quilla St., phone 2-1151; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 246 Dennis St., phone 2-4225; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Didi H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro Street, phone 2-2886.

DRY CLEANERS 258-B—Meets 2nd Thursday, Pres., Merlin Davis, 517 Roosevelt St.; Fin. Sec., Claudia Stidem; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st

Wednesday, Executive Board 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro Street, Salinas. Pres.,

Frank Karp, 217 Quilla St., phone 2-1151; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 246 Dennis St., phone 2-4225; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Didi H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro Street, phone 2-2886.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39—Meets 3rd Wednesday, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Frank Brantley; Sec., Leo J. Derby; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, Room 457, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYPRESS 2-6393. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNderhill 1-135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issei; office 257 5th St., Richmond, phone BEacon 0-8522; Asst. Sec., Chas. Snyder. Office phone BEacon 5-0852; Moss Landing phone, Cos-trovile 6613.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 355—Meets 2nd Monday, Women's City Club, 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. H. Eakin, 46 Barbard Place, phone 2-4465; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., A. J. Clark; Asst. Bus. Agt., Virgil C. Knight; office, Room 18, Glikberg Bldg., 6 W. Gabilan St., phone MA 1-3336.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soledad Foresters Hall, Pres., Carl G. Jones, Sec., J. F. Mattos, 102 Toro, phone 6777. Bus. Agt., Wray D. Empie, Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro, phone 6777.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Box 513, Watsonville, phone 4-5262; Sec. & B. A., Ronald Hodges, 612 Wilson, Salinas, phone 2-2906.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 258—Meets 3rd Thursday at Salinas Labor Temple, at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Hazel Stevens, 1014 Second Ave.; Sec.-Treas., Grace MacRossie, 59 1st Ave.; Receiver, Lawrence Palacios, 2940 16th St., San Francisco, phone MA 1-3336. Office, 117 Pajaro St., phone 6209.

MECHANICS AND MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday, Executive Board, 2nd Thursday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Alex Day, 611 Towt St., phone 2-3775; Fin. Sec., Ed McLean, 262 Noice Dr.; Rec. Sec., C. C. Stover, 537 Green St.; Bus. Agt., Earl Choate, office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-0835.

OFFICE EMPLOYEES 94 (Union Offices)—Meets on call, Headquarters 463 Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYPRESS 2-6393. Sec. and Bus. Agt., Jeanette Zoccoli.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Otto Sleiper, 235 E. San Luis, phone 2-2907; Rec. Sec., L. Wendelin, 1130½ Acosta, phone 2-6240; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., 417 Lincoln Office, Labor Temple, phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 2nd Wed., 4th Thurs., Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine, phone 5530; Rec. and Bus. Agt., Carl Smith, home phone 2-2565.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., R. K. Mills; Rec. Sec., A. Bianchini; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., E. R. Artuckle, Office, Labor Temple, phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Women's Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., John Ball, 636 Central, phone 2-2961.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Ass'ts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Salinas even months, Monterey odd months; Pres., Edward C. Bey, 205 Dodoro, phone 2-4428; Sec.-Treas., Robert P. Madsen, 217 Maryln Dr., Salinas, phone 2-1102.

The job you save may be your own—buy union!

Monterey Union Directory

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestal, 406 Calif. St., phone 6524; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 206 Alisal St., phone 2-3366; office phone 4-7537.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Leslie B. Sellers, 210 Granite St., Pacific Grove, phone 5-6962.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st

Friday at Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 2-3825; Rec. Sec., Ray Kalbal, Box 250, Boulder Creek; Fin. Sec., Ray Opfer, 924 East St., Salinas, phone 9274; Bus. Agt., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia St., Salinas.

BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa, San Jose, Sec. and Bus. Agt., Cecil L. Bradford, 2348 Hedding, San Jose, phone AXminster 6-7143; office, 84 S. First St., San Jose.

BARBERS 896—Meets 3rd Wednesday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Paul Mercuro, Carmel; Rec. Sec., L. J. Boyns; Fin. Sec., James O. Jolley, 113 McNear, Box 584, Watsonville, phone 4-5610; Bus. Agt., Salinas, phone 2-3682.

TEACHERS 1020—Meets 3rd Monday, Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, Salinas, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, 31 Willow, Salinas, phone 2-3682.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSE MEN & HELPERS 890—Meets 2nd Thursday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Kenneth Sinkey, 105 19th St., P. G. Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Bus. Agt., Glen L. Wilkerson, Main office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743; Mont. office, 2-788 Hawthorne St., phone 2-0124.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION 759—Meets 3rd Friday, Bartenders Hall, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Cecil D. Starnes, 1071 Cass St., ph. 2-6156; Sec., A. B. Rotter, 412 Le Lo Vina, ph. 5-5406.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., Hoffman St., Monterey; 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., Caminos Hotel, Salinas. Pres., Geo. E. Jenkins, 3230 Hoffmann Ave., Monterey, phone 2-8456; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-2886.

BRICK MASONS—Meets 2nd Tues., Monterey, 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Steve Frank, 103 N. First, Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 56947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 2-25708.

CARPENTERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Meets 1st Tuesday, Eagles Hall, New Monterey, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorehead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1897 Ellen Ave., phone CYPRESS 5-3849; Fin. Sec. Office at Labor Temple, 45 Santa Teresa St., phone CYPRESS 2-0252.

CALIF BUILDING & CONST. TRADES COUNCIL—Pres., Otto E. Never; Gen. Sec., James F. Ward, 1095 Market St., San Francisco; Monterey vice-pres., L. T. Long, 117 Lighthouse Ave., Pacific Grove.

CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., E. E. Norman; Fin. Sec., R. A. Dalton, 864 Congress, Pacific Grove, phone 2-4314; Rec. Sec., Leo Thiltgen, 12 Serrano Way, phone 2-0335; B. A. Tom Eide, office, Carpenter Hall, 778 Hawthorne, phone 2-7511, home phone 5-7242.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey, King City, 8 p.m. Pres., Tom Eide, Box 16, Marina, Phone 5-6722; V.-Pres., O. A. Miller, phone Salinas 9293; Sec. Treas., Leo Thiltgen, 12 Serrano Way, Watsonville, phone 2-0335.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (Monterey Peninsula)—Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Nels Pederson, phone 2-5062; Sec. Treas., Royal E. Hallmark, office, 315 Alvarado St., phone 5-6734.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday, 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m. Pres., P. J. Tracy, 441 Pine St., Pacific Grove; Fin. Sec., Gordon Howe, Pacific Street, Monterey, phone 5-4443; Rec. Sec., John DeGroot, 410 Clay St., Monterey; Bus. Agent, Leo Hasteby, Forest & Morse, Pacific Grove, phone 5-4632; Office Forest & Morse Sts., phone 5-4632.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday, 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m. Pres., P. J. Tracy, 441 Pine St., Pacific Grove; Fin. Sec., Gordon Howe, Pacific Street, Monterey, phone 5-4443; Rec. Sec., John DeGroot, 410 Clay St., Monterey; Bus. Agent, Leo Hasteby, Forest & Morse, Pacific Grove, phone 5-4632; Office Forest & Morse Sts., phone 5-4632.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 1072—Meets 2nd Monday, 691 Lighthouse, 7:30 p.m. Pres., P. J. Tracy, 441 Pine St., Pacific Grove; Fin. Sec., Gordon Howe, Pacific Street, Monterey, phone 5-4443; Rec. Sec., John DeGroot, 410 Clay St., Monterey; Bus. Agent, Leo Hasteby, Forest & Morse, Pacific Grove, phone 5-4632; Office Forest & Morse Sts., phone 5-4632.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS—Meets on call at headquarters. Pres., Joe Perry Jr., Phoenix Ave., Seaside, phone 2-5470; Sec., Roy Humbrecht, 122 18th, Pacific Grove, phone 2-5164; Bus. Agt., Lester A. Caveny, 922 Cypress, Seaside, phone 2-4023; Headquarters, 320 Hoffman, phone 2-4571.

FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Michael Youliden; Sec. Treas., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lily St.; Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St. Office and hall, 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday, 320 Hoffman, 8 p.m. Pres., Perry M. Luce, 1251 David, Sec. and Bus. Agt., George E. Jenkins, Box 142, Monterey, office, 320 Hoffman, phone 2-8456.

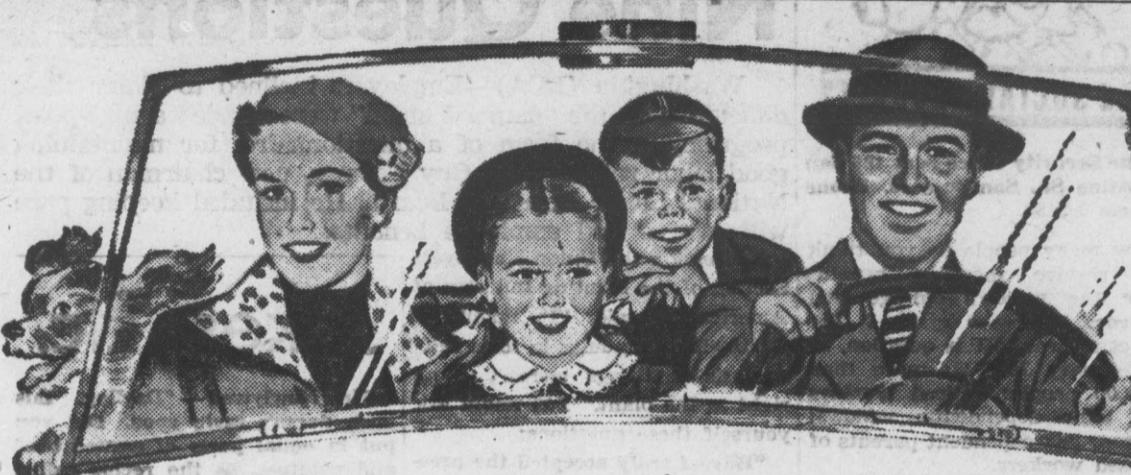
LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. Krane, Rt. 6, Box 512, Watsonville, ph. 1-6226; Sec. and B. A., Ronald Hodges, Wilson, Salinas, ph. 22906.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley Pacific Grove, phone 5-6569; Sec., Doris Lake.

MUSICIANS 618—Meets 1st Sunday, 2 p.m., 135 W. Franklin, Pres., Louis E. Walker, 589 Ocean View, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1577; Sec., Don B. Forster, office, 135 W. Franklin, phone 5-6166; Bus. Agt., Fred Storer, 345 Alexander, Salinas, phone 2-0579.

*Spend Your Vacation
in Beautiful . . .*

Monterey County!



**STOP! . . . SHOP!
HAVE FUN**

While Doing Your
Christmas Shopping

\$74 A DAY

Seventy-four dollars a day each for "expenses." That's what Senator McCarthy's two 26-year-old "junketeering gum-shoes," Roy Cohn and G. David Schine, drew for their famous European investigating tour last spring, the Foreign Operations Administration announced this week.

The \$74-a-day was in addition to all transportation costs, since the pair got free rides everywhere from the Military Air Transport Service. One of the tour's objects, Cohn said at the time, was to "investigate waste" in our overseas information program.

Hear Frank Edwards!

Attention! Union Secretaries

The Directory of labor unions, officers, etc., appears in this week's issue. If there are any errors, corrections, or additions, please let us know immediately.

—THE EDITOR.

EXPERTS CONFUSING ON ATOM ATTACK

The American people were confused by a welter of conflicting statements from high officials regarding the likelihood of an atomic and hydrogen-weapons attack upon the U.S.

President Eisenhower, declaring that the mysteries of the atom are known to the Russians, warned that a war with super-weapons could bring "sudden and mass destruction, erasure of cities, possible doom of every nation and society."

Defense Mobilizer Arthur Flemming asserted that "Soviet Russia

is capable of delivering suddenly and without warning the most destructive weapon ever devised by man on chosen targets in the U.S." He recommended a drastic program to safeguard key industrial centers against any surprise atomic attack.

Defense Mobilizer Arthur Flemming asserted that "Soviet Russia

is capable of delivering suddenly and without warning the most destructive weapon ever devised by man on chosen targets in the U.S." He recommended a drastic program to safeguard key industrial centers against any surprise atomic attack.

spend \$10 billion a year more for continental defense.

The committee itself declared after a secret briefing by the Central Intelligence Agency that the U.S. is well ahead of Russia in both hydrogen and plutonium developments "and will continue to be."

And Defense Secretary Charles Wilson said it was doubtful if Russia has a deliverable hydrogen bomb, and that it will be "perhaps three years" before it could launch an effective H-bomb assault on the U.S. He said only about \$500 million will be asked for additional air defense instead of the multi-billion-dollar outlays recommended in some quarters.

Chairman Lewis Strauss of the Atomic Energy Commission said that he believed Russia started development of the hydrogen bomb before America did.

Sen. Stuart Symington (D., Mo.), former Secretary of the Air Force, said this nation could not cope adequately with a hydrogen bomb attack, and added: "One thing is sure. For the first time in history we have an enemy who, if he exercises the initiative, may well have military superiority over us."

Alabama Second State To Challenge Give-away Offshore Oil Law

Washington (LPA) — Alabama has joined Arkansas in attacking the "give-away" offshore oil law. It has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to declare the law unconstitutional and to give Alabama permission to sue Texas, Florida and Louisiana to restrain them from requiring licenses for fishing within the boundaries set by the new oil law.

For Your Laundry Needs!

- WHIRLPOOL Automatic Washers and Dryers
- THOR Automatic Washers and Dryers
- EASY Washers, Dryers and Ironers

See

MILLER RADIO AND ELECTRIC APPLIANCES

289 Washington

Phone: 2-0108

Monterey, Calif.

Your obligation to your union doesn't end with the payment of dues. Attend meetings and take part in union affairs!

A dollar from you will pave the way, for labor's success on election day.

LIGHTS ON AT DUSK

Turn on your headlights at dusk so that pedestrians and other drivers can see you and keep out of your way. Dusk is the most dangerous time because the light is deceiving, and distance judgment is difficult.



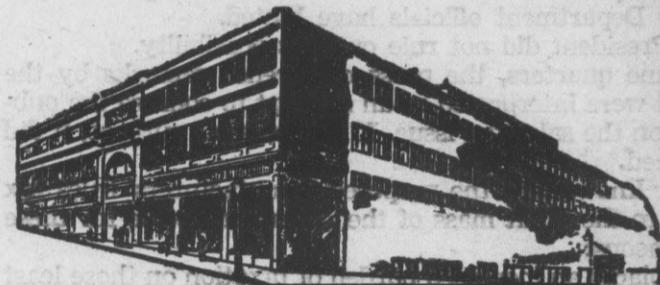
RAPPA'S

Sea Food Grotto
End of Fisherman's Wharf
MONTEREY, CALIF.

Enjoy the Marine View in an Atmosphere Around the Fireside.

Dinners 'till 9:00 P.M.
RAPPA'S TACKLE SHOP—BOAT RENTALS—SALMON BAIT

Complete One-Stop Shopping



You will find shopping a pleasure at Holman's. Friendly, courteous sales people, and prices to please the most limited budget!

• 4 Floors • 46 Depts. • Ample Free Parking
• Tea Room, Solarium

Holman's
PACIFIC GROVE



CARL
SELBICKY

and
RED

THOMPSON
TIRE SERVICE

• RECAPING
• VULCANIZING

Distributors of
U.S. ROYAL TIRES

Phone: 2-4581

Forest Ave. and
Prescot Lane
Pacific Grove, Calif.

215 Bonifacio
Monterey, Calif.

MONTEREY COUNTY LABOR NEWS

Official Organ of the Central Labor Union of Monterey County, Salinas, Calif.
Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, Monterey, Calif.; Monterey County
Building Trades Council, Monterey, Calif.

Published Tuesdays at 5823 Occidental Street, Oakland, 8, California

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

One Year	\$3.00
Single Copies	10c
Special rates to members of organized labor subscribing in a body through their Unions.	

Advertising Rates on Application

Entered as second-class matter October 14, 1953, at the post office of Oakland, California, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

POSTMASTER: Please send Form 3579, Change of Address, to P. O. Box 307, Oakland 8, California.

The editorial policy of this paper is not reflected in any way by the advertisements or signed communications printed herein.

Straw Man

President Eisenhower knocked over a straw man when he told a White House press conference that he opposed a federal sales tax at the retail level. No one ever had even hinted that the Federal government would attempt to invade this field which has been pre-empted by local and state agencies.

But when newsmen pressed him about a federal manufacturers' sales tax, as proposed by the National Association of Manufacturers, the President became evasive. He said that we have always had manufacturers' excise taxes, such as those on tobacco products and liquor.

That is begging the question. The big question now is whether the Eisenhower Administration will propose a sales tax at the manufacturers' level on all consumer products, as Treasury Department officials have hinted.

The President did not rule out this possibility.

In some quarters, the press conference remarks by the President were interpreted as an attempt to confuse the public mind on the sales tax issue. If that was his purpose, it did not succeed.

Labor knows that the proposed manufacturers' sales tax is unfair to the great mass of the American people for these major reasons:

1. It places an increased burden of taxation on those least able to pay.
2. It will increase prices and the general cost of living, already at an all-time high.
3. It will put a damper on purchasing power at a time when increased consumer buying power is essential to ward off the threat of an economic recession.
4. It is a "hidden" tax, and therefore essentially dishonest.

With a Congressional election coming up next fall, the voters of this country would do well to keep a close eye on how their Senators and Representatives act on this unfair and undemocratic NAM tax proposal. As AFL President George Meany said, at a time when there is extreme pressure on to kill the excess profits tax and to cut corporate income taxes, the people will not blindly accept a sales tax "wrapped up in the American flag."

Operation Candor

Some time ago, the Eisenhower Administration let it be known that it was considering "Operation Candor"—a project designed to tell the American people the truth about the critical atomic bomb situation. Nothing as yet has come of it. Instead, the American people have been bombarded with so many contradictory statements by supposed government experts that the Washington Post has protested editorially against the resulting "nuclear confusion."

The absence of candor in the conduct of this Administration is not limited to the touchy subject of atomic bombs. Just the other day, Sen. Richard Russell (D., Ga.) charged that "uncertainty" about Eisenhower's farm policy is driving farm prices down and demanded an answer to this question: "What is the farm program of this Administration?"

Another major question can be asked with equal force: "What is the labor policy of this Administration?"

It is time for frank answers—not in sweet generalities, but in specific terms—to these major questions.

Luck may help a man over a ditch if he jumps well.

"UNION MAID" —A Serial Story



Say, Boss, Ask Yourself These Nine Questions

Washington (LPA)—Employers inclined to blame their difficulties on the "damned union" were handed a nine-point program, in the form of a questionnaire, for maintaining good labor relations by Guy Farmer, new chairman of the National Labor Relations Board. He included keeping pace with wages and employee benefits.

Addressing the Union Employers Section of the Printing Industry of America, he said: "It might be worthwhile to indulge in some self-analysis if things weren't going right in the plant." You might ask yourself these questions:

"Have I truly accepted the presence of union organization among my employees? Have I truly accepted the principle and practice of collective bargaining? Have I always attempted to meet the union half way and work out acceptable and fair compromise?

"Have I paid enough attention to labor relations, and have I, within my own organization, picked out the right man and set up the right organization for handling labor relations? Have I educated my foremen in labor relations, have I kept them informed, and have I given them sufficient responsibility and authority?

"Do I have the right kind of grievance procedure to provide for orderly and speedy disposition of grievances and complaints? Have I worked out and clarified with the union our respective areas of responsibility?

"Have I kept pace, within sound economic limits, with my industry and locality in wages and employee benefits? Do I provide a safe, clean, healthy place for my employees to work?"

If the questions can be answered in the affirmative, Farmer said, the employer "can be safe in assuming labor relations are on a sound footing," even though he "may still have difficulty because not all labor disputes are available even where labor relations are of the best."

"But, I think it is likely," he concluded, "that if you are that kind of an employer you will be an infrequent customer of the NLRB. This will make me no less happy than you."

"My husband talks in his sleep. Does yours?"

"No. He is terribly annoying. He just chuckles."

Jokes, Etc.

Mr. Newlywed—"Darling, this hash doesn't taste good. Did you put in equal parts of corned beef and potatoes, as the recipe called for?"

Mrs. Newlywed—"Yes, dear. A dollar's worth of corned beef and a dollar's worth of potatoes."

* * *

Grandpa bought a mule for his farm, but he couldn't make the critter gee, haw, giddap or anything. So he engaged a professional mule trainer. The trainer whapped the mule over the head with a two-by-four plank and, when the animal didn't move, whapped him again.

"Hey," protested grandpa, "are you trying to kill my mule?"

"No," said the trainer. "But first off you gotta get their attention."

* * *

Don't laugh at the man who has fallen when there are slippery places ahead—Bantu Proverb.

* * *

Pleasure is a flower that fades; remembrance is the lasting perfume.—Boufflers.

* * *

Our greatest glory consists not in never failing, but in rising every time we fail—Goldsmith.

* * *

Applause is the spur of noble minds; the end and aim of weak ones—Colton.

* * *

The major menaces on the highway today are drunken driving, thumpers for rides and one-armed driving—briefly, hic, hike and hug.

* * *

When a woman says she tipped the scales at 116, she probably didn't tip them at all, just bribed them.

* * *

The office vamp says that the woman who henpecks her husband is apt to find him listening to some other chicken.

MOURN NOT THE DEAD

Mourn not the dead that in the cool earth lie—

Dust unto dust—

The calm, sweet earth that mothers all who die,

As all men must;

Mourn not your captive comrades who must dwell—

Too strong to strive—

Each in his steel-bound coffin of a cell,

Buried alive;

But rather mourn the apathetic throng—

The cowed and meek—

Who see the world's great anguish and its wrong

And dare not speak!

—RALPH CHAPLIN.

by Stan Jennings



Meany Called a Fearless, Outstanding Labor Leader

WASHINGTON (LPA)—Tribute to AFL President George Meany as "the man of the year in the American labor movement" is paid by the Rev. George G. Higgins in his October 12 weekly column, "The Yardstick."

"Great things can be expected" of Meany, wrote father Higgins, assistant director of the Social Action Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. A man of considerable intelligence and sterling character, he gives promise of developing into one of the greatest labor leaders in the history of the United States. Aggressive and absolutely fearless in fighting the rights of labor, he is, at the same time deeply conscious of labor's responsibility to the nation as a whole and to the emerging world community."

HEART ATTACK AND A FATTY DIET

Washington.—While unusual effort—like moving the piano—may cause sharp, terrifying heart pains, the most serious form of the heart attack, coronary occlusion, seems to occur while a person is at rest or asleep.

GOP Is Catering To Big Business, Morse Declares

WILTON JUNCTION, Ia. (LPA)—The Eisenhower Administration is catering to big business instead of the home folks in its public power policy, Sen. Wayne Morse (Ind., Ore.) told the annual meeting of the Eastern Iowa Light and Power Cooperative, Iowa's largest rural electric co-op, with 10,000 members.

Morse assailed the policy statement of Interior Secretary McKay as "a masterpiece of private utility propaganda." McKay says he wants to give "local interests" a greater part in power development. In the dispute over the Hells Canyon dam, the Interior Department has stepped aside for the Idaho Power Co., which Morse pointed out is no "local interest," but a Maine corporation. Morse said its 10 largest stockholders are "powerful investment houses and affiliates. They are not the 'home folks.' They are symbols of big business."

Morse said McKay's policy statement "gives a cozy picture of the federal government and local 'interests' living happily ever after in a firm partnership. Of course, partnerships are wonderful things—unless one of the partners happens to be picking your pockets."

(In Washington the Farmers Union told the Federal Power Commission that to let the Idaho Power Company build three low dams in Hells Canyon would be "a squanderous waste of potential resources," and would "foreclose forever the possibility of full development of the water power resources of this great site." The Truman administration had favored one, high, federally-built dam. "The real question," said James G. Patton, Farmers Union president, "is whether the narrow special interests of a small group of people, the owners of the Idaho Power Co., most of whom reside clear across the continent from where this great national resource is located, shall be given precedence over the interest of the people of this region and the best interests of the people of the United States."

(In Rapid City, SD, the Tri-State Rural Electric Association charged the McKay policies will either retard or wreck the rural electrification program in many areas.)

Freeway—Slow-way

A giant jam of smoking, fuming cars piled up on Frisco's new \$9,312,000 super-duper freeway in the first few days of its operation early this month, bringing hasty conferences, red faces, and steps for more and better approaches and exits. Round-the-clock construction work was ordered to help ease the embarrassing, costly situation, and public attention was strongly focussed on the tremendous traffic problem facing the Bay Area, one that needs immediate and active attention.

Higher death rates are predicted by the American Public Health Association as a result of cuts made by Congress this year in the money for public health work and hospitals.

Grants for control of tuberculosis, cancer, venereal disease and heart disease were slashed 30 per cent under last year's budget.

Federal aid for construction of new hospitals was cut 18½ per cent under last year.

As a result, declared the Public Health Association in its official journal, "it is certain that death rates and disability rates will mount and will cost the American people 10 or 20 times the immediate savings involved."

We have only our hands and our union for security and to fight Monopoly Slavery.



LLPE DIRECTOR SELLS 'EM—James McDevitt, director of Labor's League for Political Education, sells league membership to John W. (Preacher) Hays, secy.-treas., of the Dallas Central Labor Council, and Wallace Reilly, president of the Dallas CLC.

Called on Fay At Fay's Request, Meany Explains

Los Angeles (LPA)—George Meany, president of the American Federation of Labor, visited Joseph S. Fay, building trades leader and convicted extortionist, at Sing Sing prison on two occasions because, Fay, through his family, had sought Meany's help in obtaining a pardon or commutation of his sentence, Meany explained here.

The revelation that the Acting Lieutenant Governor of New York State, State Senator Arthur H. Wicks, Republican majority leader of the Senate, had visited Fay caused considerable furor in New York political circles and led to the disclosure of the full list of Fay's visitors on which Senator William F. Condon's name appeared. Condon explained he had gone to the prison with Meany at the latter's request.

Meany, discussing the matter here, said that Fay had talked about what people in prison talk about: "How he could get out of prison—through a pardon or commutation or something like that. I gave him no encouragement on that."

After the disclosure that Fay had been visited by a number of politicians and labor leaders at Sing Sing, Thomas E. Dewey ordered his removal to Dannemora, a remote prison in the bleak mountain stretches of upper New York state dubbed a "Siberia" by New York papers and long holding the same relative position in the New York State penal system that Alcatraz has among the Federal penal institutions. Thomas Murray, president of the New York Federation of Labor, Louis P. Marciano, president of the New Jersey Federation and Mayor John V. Kenny of Jersey City also appeared on the list of visitors to Fay, who was formerly vice-president of the AFL International Operating Engineers Union. He entered Sing Sing in 1948 to serve a 7½ to 15-year term for extortion.

Management Spokesman Sees Little Hope for Changes in Taft-Hartley

Detroit (LPA)—The Taft-Hartley law will not be changed unless there is a period of "labor turbulence" and Eisenhower asks for changes, Frank Rising predicted. He is general manager of the Automotive Parts Manufacturers Assn. and "an expert in labor trends," according to the Journal of Commerce. In St. Paul, Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey (D, Minn.) told the Minnesota Federation of Labor that the NLRB is now "packed" with "NAM-minded board members."

Atomic power for industry is near, Gordon Dean says.

All Sales Taxes Are Bad, But This One Is Worse

In a single statement to reporters, President Eisenhower did for the American people two favors—one intentional and the other accidental.

On one hand, he slammed the door on proposals for a federal retail sales tax, which would hit the poor hardest, go easy on the rich, and undermine the good old American principle of taxes based on "ability to pay."

On the other hand, he left the door wide open for a general manufacturers' "excise tax," which would be an even worse kind of sales tax. Thus the President conspicuously called attention to a scheme the people need to understand. Otherwise, their pocketbooks are in for a terrific trimming.

The National Association of Manufacturers, U.S. Chamber of Commerce and other powerful interests are driving hard for a manufacturers' sales tax to make up for the billions of revenue Uncle Sam will lose when the corporation excess profits tax ends, and personal income taxes are reduced, next January 1. The Rich Men's Lobby prefers a manufacturers' sales tax to a retail sales tax, for two reasons:

One is that when people pay a retail sales tax they know they are paying it, and just how much it costs them. So they "squawk." They don't get so angry at a manufacturers' sales tax because they don't see it. It is hidden in the price of the product.

The second reason can best be explained with figures. Suppose Uncle Sam collects a 5 per cent retail sales tax on a \$200 product. That makes it cost the consumer \$210, of which \$10 is the tax.

If the government gets \$10 by a manufacturers' sales tax, however, it costs the consumer at least \$20—of which \$10 is extra profits for the manufacturer, "middleman" and retailer, each of whom charges a profit on the tax. It works this way:

Manufacturers' prices are "marked up" by an average of at least 100 per cent by the time their products reach consumers. Thus a product which a manufacturer sells for \$100 is sold retail for \$200.

If the manufacturer pays a \$10 sales tax, he adds it to his price, boosting the latter from \$100 to \$110. Then the 100 per cent "mark up"—including extra profits for everyone concerned—makes the retail price \$220. The consumer pays that price, instead of the \$210 he would with a retail sales tax.

In short, the retail tax is bad, but the manufacturers' sales tax is still worse. By fattening profits, it costs consumers at least \$2 for every \$1 the government gets. No wonder the Rich Men's Lobby prefers such a tax!

As a matter of fact, there already are nearly 100 Federal retail and manufacturers' sales taxes, of which 35 have been added since

World War II. Examples are the 15 per cent tax on railroad passenger fares, and the 3 per cent tax on rail freight bills. These increase the cost of living for everyone, and certainly do not help the carriers or their employees.

There are many signs that, instead of openly proposing a general sales tax, the Administration will ask Congress to accomplish the same result by adding many more products to the present manufacturers' sales tax list.

Congress should reject such a scheme. It should consider shortening that list, instead of lengthening it.

U.S. Sales Tax Hit in Survey

American businessmen do not favor a federal sales tax, according to a survey by the Standard Factors Corporation.

Its president, Theodore H. Silbert, said businessmen oppose such a tax because it would cripple cities and states that depend on sales taxes; administrative difficulties would be too great; the tax, whether applied at the manufacturing, wholesale, or retail level, would increase over the years; the burden on consumers would hurt sales and harm business activity.

Silbert said businessmen are convinced that "a levy of 10 per cent, for instance, is only a beginning. Once the machinery is oiled and collections are coming in, it becomes a small detail for Washington to raise the levy to 11 per cent, then 12 per cent and 15 per cent and so on."

The fact that any such tendency to raise the rate is disclaimed by Washington spokesmen, said Silbert, is not taken too seriously by company managements.

Old-Timer Teamsters

Portland, Ore. (LPA)—An "Old-Time Teamster Hunt" has been launched by Oregon Teamster, weekly newspaper of the union's Joint Council 37. It wants the names of members still driving trucks after 30 or more years of continuous service, in preparation for the trucking industry celebrating its 50th anniversary.



217½ Main Street
Salinas, Calif. Phone 2-1493

Shop With Ease in VALLEY CENTER PARK ROW

- Lanz Originals
- American Golfer
- Fall Cottons

Back to School Sweaters
and Skirts

Del Caron
DRESSES - SPORTSWEAR
960 Park Row Valley Center

Mae's Baby, Children's & Maternity Shop
Free Shower Gift Wrapping
902 Park Row, Valley Center
Phone 2-6518

SEARS
ROEBUCK AND CO.

1002 SOUTH MAIN STREET
Phone 7355 Salinas



It's handy to have money in the bank, too. Open a savings account at Bank of America... use it for saving toward the down payment on a home... a new car... baby's arrival... that vacation trip. You can deposit as much or as little as you wish... at any intervals you select. You can open an account with just a dollar and a few minutes of your lunch hour.

Start your Savings Account now at any branch

Bank of America
NATIONAL SAVINGS ASSOCIATION
MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION



TAFT SUCCESSOR—Thomas A. Burke, Democratic Mayor of Cleveland, was appointed to the Senate post left vacant by the death of Sen. Robert A. Taft. Trade unionists looked favorably on the Burke appointment.

BUTCHERS WIN ARMOUR PACT

Chicago.—The AFL Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen have announced a settlement of their wage dispute with Armour & Co., expected to set a pattern nationally for the U. S. packing industry.

The Amalgamated and the CIO United Packinghouse Workers have been negotiating jointly with the major packers on a wage reopened to existing contracts which run to August 11, 1954.

The agreement with Armour which in itself affects 35,000 workers, provides for a general wage increase of 5 cents an hour and a program for hospitalization and medical benefits, paid for entirely by the company.

David Dolnick, Amalgamated research director, said the average hourly rate for packinghouse workers industry-wide will be brought to \$1.83. Common labor rates in Chicago will be \$1.45 for women and \$1.50 for men.

'OLD DOG' CAN STILL LEARN

The old saying that "you can't teach an old dog new tricks" is not true of people, according to Dr. Edward J. Stieglitz, who specializes in study of old folks.

This week he told a Medical Scientific Assembly at Washington that, although a person's "ability to learn" reaches a peak at about the age of 22, this ability lasts a long time, and even an 80-year-old can learn new knowledge as well as a youngster in school.

Union Literature

Rosanoke, Va. (LPA)—This city's Industrial Union Council had a booth at the fair here, distributed 3000 balloons properly imprinted to youngsters and leaflets to their parents.

VAPOR CLEANERS

CLEANING - PRESSING
DYEING - ALTERATIONS

Phone 5221
951 Del Monte Monterey

ECONOMY DRUG CO.

434 ALVARADO
MONTEREY

CALIFORNIA

D.C.—DOLLAR CAPITAL— For the Welfare of the Greedy Few

By JAMES L. McDEVITT, Director
Labor's League for Political Education

"We see a big change in Washington. We see a situation where human values have been submerged to the material welfare of the greedy few." With these words President George Meany opened the 1953 AFL Convention and sounded the warning to President Eisenhower that labor had waited too long and seen too little.

After eight months in office the great "crusade" seemed to the assembled AFL delegates to be mired down in postponement, conflict, confusion and broken promises. The resignation of Martin Durkin as Secretary of Labor only clarified what many had suspected for a long time . . . there is no clear policy direction in this new Administration . . . Eisenhower is not running his own show. Even the Wall Street Journal itself said that, after Eisenhower backed down on his agreement to support the 19 Taft-Hartley amendments, Durkin . . . had no choice but to resign.

FOOT IN MOUTH DISEASE

When Vice-President Richard Nixon addressed the AFL Convention, he managed to set a new record for getting his foot in his mouth.

First, he slipped up and inadvertently admitted that in spite of the White House denials, the 19 point Presidential message on Taft-Hartley had in fact existed. Nixon said: "Contrary to press reports inferring that I had something to do with the development of the message that was to be sent to Congress, as Martin Durkin will tell you, I did not participate in the substance of the message and the discussion in regard to the subjects of the message. My interest was only in its timing."

"THE GREEDY FEW"

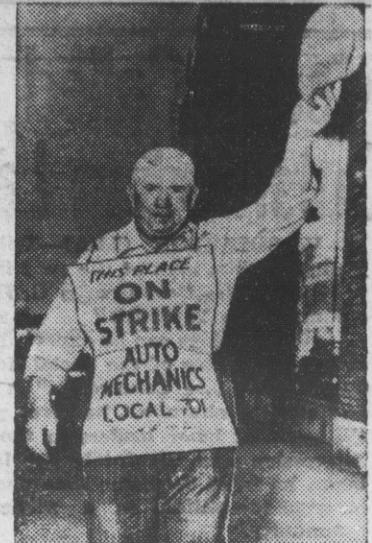
In trying to answer President Meany, Nixon only brought forth laughing applause when he accidentally voiced the sentiment of the Convention in the words: "If at the conclusion of this Administration's first four years in office the American people conclude it has served the greedy few, as the term has been used, to the detriment of the many, this Administration will lose the next election, and it will deserve to lose."

TRICKY DICK "EXPLAINS"

I am sure that Mr. Nixon was disappointed with his attempt to "explain away" the Taft-Hartley fiasco, because September 23rd, the day he addressed the AFL Convention, should have been his lucky day. It was the anniversary date of his more successful TV performance last year put on the air to "explain away" the \$18,000 private fund given to him by a clique of businessmen because "Dick did just what he wanted him to do." Possibly what was lacking from his performance this year was his cocker spaniel "Checkers," the feature star of last year's TV show.

However, Nixon's verbal bumbles unfortunately obscured the much more serious shift in Taft-Hartley policy which Eisenhower revealed in his message delivered by Nixon. Last year Eisenhower frankly preferred amendment rather than repeal of Taft-Hartley, but he made it plain that he thought it was a bad law when he told the 1952 AFL Convention, "I know the law might be used to break unions. That must be changed." However, in his message delivered to his Convention, Eisenhower had shifted. He now likes the Act and asks only that a few "defects" be changed. Eisenhower's exact words concerning Taft-Hartley were: "I believe that its enactment was a substantial contribution to the quest for sounder labor-management relations. I believe that the experience under the Act has confirmed its essential soundness." That was Taft's old position, if my memory serves me.

What the next Congress holds in



12-YEAR PICKET — Alexander (Scotty) Orr waves his cap, after announcement that 14-year-old strike at an auto sales company in Chicago had ended. Scotty, 69, has been picketing the establishment for 12 years and estimates he trudged 40,000 miles. It was another victory for the AFL Machinists.

Factory Hiring Fails to Show Seasonal Pickup

Washington, D.C.—Hiring rates in the nation's factories remained practically unchanged in August, failing to show the usual late summer pickup, the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

Nevertheless, the general employment situation remained highly favorable, with factory employment at a post-World War II peak for the month and total unemployment at postwar lows, BLS said.

Manufacturing plants added workers to their payrolls in August at a rate of 42 per 1000 employees, according to preliminary estimates, about 25 per cent below the post-World War II average for the month. In pointing out the absence of the usual August upswing, the Bureau also noted that July hiring had dropped from June levels by more than the usual amount.

The factory layoff rate rose slightly in August, from 11 to 13 per 1000 employees. Layoffs were about one-third higher than in August 1952. This was the first month in 1953 in which layoffs exceeded the rate of the corresponding month last year. Relatively low layoff rates had been maintained since last fall, following the upswing in consumer goods production.

The rate at which workers were quitting factory jobs rose from 25 per 1000 in July to 29 in August—less than the usual rise for the season. The Bureau said this under-par seasonal increase may reflect the recent leveling off in non-farm employment. Quit rates tend to increase with expanding employment as workers shift to better jobs, and to decline as the labor market loosens, BLS noted.

Richmond-San Fran Moves

The new Richmond-San Rafael Bay Bridge, under way since March, is 13 per cent finished, and should be handling traffic by October 1956, according to the Toll Bridge Authority's division of bay toll crossings. All borings for piers are finished. The \$14½ million substructure is 45 per cent complete, extending about two-fifths of the way from Richmond across the Bay. Steel is being fabricated for the \$21 million superstructure, with deliveries to start next month and erection in December. Fill at the Richmond end is now 45 per cent complete.

You can't join unless you are an AFL member. This is our best way of working together to elect friends of the working people regardless of party allegiance. This is our best way of being both responsible citizens and loyal union members for as George Meany phrased it: "What is good for America is good for the American Federation of Labor."

SALINAS—Home of California Rodeo



AFL-ILA TRUSTEES MEET—AFL Pres. Geo. Meany and Vice-Pres. Al Hayes, Wm. Doherty, and Dave Beck, four members of the AFL-ILA trustees, meet in Washington as the AFL Executive Council, in special session, appropriated \$200,000 to finance a high-powered organizing drive to enroll the nation's longshoremen in a clean, effective, and democratic trade union. Paul Hall, fifth member of the board, was out in the field as the council met.

Arbitration Assn. Advances Murphy

New York (LPA) — Joseph S. Murphy, former Fordham University professor, was named vice-president in charge of promotional and educational activities of the American Arbitration Association October 5. He had been with the AAA from 1943 until 15 months ago when he became a public relations specialist for an insurance company. In his new role he will direct promotional work on arbitration among unions and other groups.



ALL YOUR INSURANCE
NEEDS AT A LOWER
COST
GEO. E. PROPST
Local Agent
653 E. ALISAL Salinas 2-0844

Rodriguez Norwalk Service Station

LIFE-TIME BATTERIES
With 6-Year Guarantee
Automatically Recharges Self
\$29.95

390 E. ALISAL STREET
Phone 8403 Salinas, Calif.

ECONOMY DRUG STORES



3 Stores to Serve You:
238 Main St. Phone 5363
823 E. Alisal Phone 2-1604
409 Main St. Phone 3242
Salinas, California

NEW LOCATION
Valley TV Center
Formerly HARRY R. JOHNSON
RADIO & TELEVISION — SALES & SERVICE
1045 So. Main St. • Salinas 2-4793

THE MULLER MORTUARY
RALPH C. MULLER, Mgr.
SINCERE FUNERAL SERVICE SINCE 1891
Phone 8236 Salinas, Calif.

Attend meetings!

Doctor Assails 'Gouging'

Doctors who gouge their patients will have only themselves to blame if America adopts the British system of national health insurance, Dr. Ulrich R. Bryner, president of the American Academy of General Practice, told his fellow physicians this week.

Speaking to the annual assembly of the District of Columbia Medical Society, Dr. Bryner assailed doctors who charge "two or three times what (patients') hospital insurance policies cover."

"We must show more interest in the public than in ourselves," Dr. Bryner insisted. "We just can't afford to gouge patients with prices above what their medical insurance provides."

Union	MASON SHOES WOULD YOU Like to Walk on Air?	Made
-------	---	------

It's now possible to buy Velvet-ees shoes with Air-Cushion in soles. Designed to give you day-long comfort. Choose from the largest variety of dress, sport, work shoes for men, women, you ever saw! For FREE demonstration drop me a card today.

JIM PORTER — 216 Park Street
LOCAL UNION 890
No Calls Too Far
Salinas 2-5525

	Salinas Radiator Shop Radiators Cleaned, Repaired and Rebuilt 231 East Market St. Phone 5647 NEW and USED 8-Hour Service—In at 8 and Out at 5
--	--

	Snell Electric Works <small>Licensed Electrical Contractor</small> <small>COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL LIGHTING FIXTURES</small> <small>L & H APPLIANCES</small> <small>Phone 551 2nd & Bassett KING CITY</small>	—GOOD— Health and Specialty Foods 430 SALINAS STREET Phone 6519 <small>Between Purity and Safeway Stores</small> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HEALTH FOODS • VITAMINS • FRESH JUICES
--	--	--

J. C. PENNEY CO.		
Khaki Pants Khaki Shirts	\$2.98 \$2.49	<small>UNION MADE — SANFORIZED SHRUNK</small> <small>Heavy Weight for Longer Wear</small> <small>Shop at Penney's and Save</small>
<small>430 SOUTH MAIN ST.</small>	<small>PHONE 5748</small>	<small>SALINAS, CALIF.</small>

Shelf & Heavy Hardware • Sporting Goods • China & Glassware
Sherwin-Williams Paints • Westinghouse Appliances

Messick Hardware

Phone 8084 247 Main St. Salinas, Calif.

	Eyes Examined DR. MILTON R. SIEGAL, M.S. <small>OPTOMETRIST</small> <small>245 MAIN STREET</small> <small>Phone 6738</small>	SALINAS
--	--	----------------

FOR QUALITY FURNITURE RUGS - REFRIGERATORS - STOVES STANDARD FURNITURE CO.		
<small>John & California Sts. Phone 4522</small> <small>LIBERAL TERMS</small> <small>Salinas, California</small>		

THOMPSON PAINT CO. <small>WALL PAPER - PAINTERS' SUPPLIES</small> <small>871 Main Street Phone 3985 Salinas, Calif.</small> <small>252 Calle Principal Monterey, Calif.</small>	
---	--

Monterey County

Labor News

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1953

'Bunch of Stand-Still Blockheads,' Harry Calls 'Em

St. Louis (LPA)—An even greater menace to America than the reactionaries trying to turn the clock back is the fearful leaders who want to stand still, Harry S. Truman declared October 8. The former President was here to receive the Sidney Hillman Foundation's annual \$1,000 public service award established in memory of the founder and first president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

STATE METAL FABRICATORS STRIKE ENDS

Strike of union machinists in Salinas against the State Metal Fabricators Co., 1156 Pellet Ave., came to an end last week, after three weeks of effort by Machinists and Mechanics Union to gain a new wage contract.

Earl Choate, business agent of Local 1824, said the members of the union voted to accept an employer compromise offer of 10 cents an hour increase, bringing the scale to \$2.12½ an hour, effective Oct. 12. The new agreement runs for one year.

Thirteen machinists were involved in the strike, which had some interesting sidelights involving members of another union, the matter now under investigation by county Building Trades Council and other officials.

LARA NAMED XMAS PARTY PLAN CHIEF

Carl Lara, of Painters Union 1104, has been named general chairman for this year's Christmas Party for Children at Salinas.

Lara is former president of the Central Labor Council of Salinas and has worked on the Christmas Party Committee in past years.

The party will be held just before Christmas, at Salinas High School Auditorium, and will be open for all children of the area.

Lara succeeds John F. Mattos, of Laborers Union 272, who had served as temporary chairman since the death recently of Randolph Fenchel, impresario for the successful parties for many years.

Mattos has been ill for several days with a severe cold condition and gave way to Lara so that arrangements for the event may be made at once.



He told the government, labor and community leaders attending a dinner in his honor that the efforts of the GOP's "Old Guard of reactionaries" to destroy many gains of recent years must be resisted "with all our might because our country is too strong too full of opportunity and hope, to be ruined by a set of blockheads who want to return to the days of McKinley."

But he said he was much more worried about "stand still" leaders. "The greatest danger," he declared, "springs from the attitude of those who reluctantly, and 20 years late, accept the reforms we have made and then refuse to go forward to meet the new problems we face."

He said Republican policies that call for a contraction in the economy because of a fear that we are "now over-expanded" stem from "pinch-penny minds who are exponents of a little America."

"Our people know that they cannot live by the concept of a little America," he said. "They know that for them prosperity and happiness and security are bound up with the expansion of our economic potential and our economic output."

Truman said the Eisenhower Administration's declaration that it stood ready to counteract a depression "represents a lot of progress, measured against 1929, when the government recognized no responsibility or ability to deal with a depression even after it occurred."

But he said the idea of trying to stop a depression after it has gained headway "is not good enough for us today. The government should be striving not only to maintain every bit of prosperity we have, but also to help us achieve more prosperity year by year."

Honor News Man

Minneapolis (LPA)—An unusual honor went to a Newspaper Guildsmen George Luxton—a maroon and gold chrysanthemum was named after him. He's garden columnist on the Tribune.

One Apprentice Back, One Leaves

One apprentice in training under direction of Salinas Carpenters Local 925 was released from the armed services last week, while another has been inducted, union Bus. Agt. Harvey Baldwin reports.

Eldon Horn, in the U.S. Marines for the past two years and overseas for 13 months, has returned and is now employed on the Dan Caputo job.

Donald H. Wood has had his apprenticeship interrupted while he does his bit with the U.S. Army.

FCWU to Meet On Thursday

October meeting of the Monterey Fish Cannery Workers Union will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday in the union's hall, the Labor Temple, 320 Hoffman St., Monterey. Union Business Agent Lester A. Caveny urged a good attendance to handle business on the agenda.

Anchovies were packed in small quantities by Hovden and California Packing Corp. plants. Some albacore was processed at the Oxnard plant last week also.

Tom Eide's Car Baffles Thieves

Efforts of automobile thieves to break into the car of Thomas Eide, business agent of Monterey Carpenters Union 1323, proved unsuccessful last week, the union official reported. Eide said the lock on the trunk was broken off entirely, but there was nothing stolen.

Arbuckle On Leave

E. R. Arbuckle, business manager of Salinas Plumbers Union 503 for the past two years, was issued a 90-day leave of absence by the union last week. Arbuckle was seriously ill for some time and had attempted to resume his duties despite his physical condition.

SAVED TAXPAYERS 1 BILLION

Washington (LPA)—Sen. Paul H. Douglas (D., Ill.) estimates that he has cut federal spending by about \$1,000,000,000 since he came to the senate. In a recapitulation broadcast transcribed here for use in Illinois, Douglas cited cuts of \$43,000,000 in ship subsidies and \$10,000,000 in the cost of operating public buildings and savings he caused this year. He said he had reduced appropriations about \$250,000,000 a year before this year, "so I think that during my entire term of office I have saved approximately \$1,000,000,000," the economy-minded senator said.

18 Burned to Death!

ONE SLUM UNIT PAYS OFF \$6300 A YEAR IN RENTS!

Some weeks ago 18 persons were burned to death in a Chicago slum firetrap. Significant repercussions have followed from that tragedy.

At the coroner's inquest, it was disclosed that the owners collected \$6,300 a year in rent from the tenants on a property appraised at only \$19,000 by the Chicago Housing Authority.

That's an example of how slums yield enormous profits for the owners—which explains why the Real Estate Lobby, speaking for such operators, campaigned so hard before the last Congress to wipe out the federal low-rent housing and slum clearance program.

That program originally called for 130,000 housing units a year. President Eisenhower backed 35,000 units for this fiscal year but Congress, bowing to the Lobby, slashed the figure to 20,000 units. Still worse, it specified that the program must end with those 20,000 units.

'Packing' of NLRB Means Tougher T-H, Union-Busting

St. Paul (LPA)—Whatever happens to the Taft-Hartley Act in Congress, the Eisenhower Administration "has other anti-labor strategy in its bag of tricks," Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey warned the Minnesota Federation of Labor convention. He cited the "packing" of the NLRB with "National Association of Manufacturers minded board members."

The resignation of Martin P. Durkin as Secretary of Labor, the Minnesota Democrat said, "shows who is really calling the tune for the Administration on labor policy. The Administration had hoped to stall the Taft-Hartley issue by holding out 'pie in the sky' amendments."

"At the same time, it hoped it would never have to deliver by actually asking for such legislation. When Durkin forced the Administration to 'put up or shut up,' it made clear where its basic loyalties were. It is big business elements that provide the main underpinnings of Administration labor policy, as well as in every other issue."

Pointing out that two new labor board members have been named, "with a third appointment in the wings," Humphrey said it now seems clear that even if the Republicans don't go through with legislation toughening T-H against unions, "they will achieve the same goal by packing the board with anti-union members and interpreting out of existence whatever

protections for unions Taft-Hartley carried over from the Wagner Act."

He called attention to some of NLRB Chairman Guy L. Farmer's recent dissenting opinions, unfavorable to labor, as "omen of things to come," then asked: "Where are the 'liberal' Republicans in all of this? Are they going to take this board-packing lying down? Are they going to permit union-busting by administrative rule?"

Calif. Factory Jobs At New High Point

Factories in California employed more workers in August 1953 than at any time since September 1944, the State announces. These jobs increased 41,100 from July to a new high of 1,092,000, most of the gain being seasonal fruit and vegetable work. Aircraft jobs rose to a new high of 208,400. Largest gains over the year have been in automobile, electrical equipment, and aircraft industries.



NEW AFL BUILDING—Here is architect's drawing of the proposed \$3½ million AFL headquarters building to be constructed on 16th Street, N. W., one block from the White House. The 72nd annual AFL convention voted approval of the new building program.